

Mexico, for \$1,000,000, will spend another \$1,000,000 on stock and improvements.

France having blocked the Wo Sung river there is a diminution in the volume of the ton ton, and the sunbird bird is involved in as much mystery as ever. —[Philadelphia Evening News.]

Ex-President Worsley, of Yale College, is a candidate for election on the Blaine ticket in Connecticut. How does he like his position?—[Galveston News.] Oh, he likes it a great deal better than the Democrats like it.

Alaska is soon to have a newspaper. In that cold country it ought to be a blanket sheet.—[New-Orleans Picayune.]

THEATRICAL MANAGERS AT WAR.

"THE PRIVATE SECRETARY" AND "THE SECRETARY" TO BE PRODUCED TOMORROW—WHAT MESSRS. PALMER AND GILLETTE SAY.

The principal subject of conversation among theatrical people yesterday was the managerial war raging between the proprietors of the Madison Square and Comedy Theatres. The bone of contention is the adaptation of Von Moser's "Der Bibliothekar," the exclusive right to produce which seems to be practically claimed by Mr. Palmer, of the Madison Square, while Mr. Gillette, of the comedy, assumes that the right of adaptation is one of the dearest of those pertaining to American citizenship. For the last week the production of "The Private Secretary" at the Madison Square has been advertised to morrow week, while the date of the appearance of "The Secretary" at the comedy has been kept a profound secret. It was known, however, on Thursday that "The Private Secretary's" advent would be hastened by nearly a week, but theatrical circles were hardly prepared for the announcement that it would supplant "May Blossom" at such an early date as to-morrow night. The reason for this appeared in the simultaneous announcement of Mr. Gillette that "The Secretary" will appear at the comedy on the same evening. The two managers thus join direct issue and appeal to the public to decide on the merits of their respective versions.

Mr. Palmer was found yesterday at the Madison Square Theatre in a state of much nervous agitation. "I think I have been very badly treated," said he. "The tone adopted toward me is such that I feel as if I were supposed to have committed some deadly crime in standing up for my rights and protecting my property."

ARE YOU GOING TO ENROL MR. GILLETTE'S VERSION?

"Certainly if I find he has stolen the business of 'The Private Secretary.' The fact is that my version of the play differs entirely from the original, and has been successful only through those differences. It is by a young Mr. Hartney, the son of the late Master of Elton. He made an adaptation from the German in four acts, as the original is, and paid Edgar眉n, of the Theatre Royal, London, £1,000 for it, a flat failure. Afterward, with the last two acts supplanted by an entirely new one, and with a variety of original business introduced, it was made practically a new play, and such a success a general audience of the city, with its many in London, and said to be thought that it would give a good chance to Gillette, and talked of buying it for him. He did not do so, but when Gillette came to America he suggested to Gillette the idea of adapting it himself, and it stands to reason must have also suggested the chief points in Mr. Hartney's version. I told him that his idea was good, but that it was difficult to effect an attempt to injure the house without the gaining of much advantage to himself by Mr. Gillette. Mr. Gillette has now authorized me to treat with him as to avoid this somewhat opposition, but no satisfactory result was arrived at."

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WHAT IS TALKED OF ABROAD.

NOTES FROM THE BRITISH CAPITAL.

THE MIDLAND INSTITUTE OPENING—THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION—MR. GLADSTONE.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The announcement that Mr. Lowell will deliver the oration at the opening of the Midland Institute at Birmingham, which is about to take place, adds considerable interest to the affair. Several other prominent speakers will be present, but it is understood that Mr. Lowell intends to make "this greatest effort."

AMERICANS COMING HOME.

The coming Presidential election is having the effect of hastening the departure of the majority of the American visitors this season, most of whom are starting for home a month earlier than usual.

THE NEW-ORLEANS EXHIBITION.

Messrs. Fane and Farn, the European Commissioners for the New-Orleans Exhibition, have already arranged with scores of exhibitors at the London Health Exhibition for the direct transfer of their exhibits to New-Orleans the moment the Health Exhibition closes. A large batch of finely executed colored lithographs representing the proposed buildings and grounds of the exhibition, which arrived in London to-day and were profusely displayed in prominent positions, have created a sensation.

AN ALLOWANCE FOR PRINCE EDWARD.

It is now settled that Parliament is to be asked at the next session to vote an allowance to Prince Albert Victor, Christian Edward, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, of \$50,000 a year. The argument is that as Prince Edward is, as it is generally known, well off next January and should be enabled to maintain his rank as the future Prince of Wales. The royalists suggest that he should be satisfied to wait for dead men's shoes, as other eldest sons have done. They propose to organize a vigorous opposition to the proposed grant and this may complicate the situation regarding the Franchise bill.

RETURN OF THE PREMIER.

Mr. Gladstone returned to Howarden yesterday from his Scotch tour, which was a continuous series of triumphs. He was fatigued to-day but expressed himself as delighted with his visit, and as confident that the House of Lords would reward him for his hostility to the Franchise bill.

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